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Prior application:

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Art Unit: 2126

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a

- (X) continuation application of:  
( ) divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 09/030,500 filed 2/25/1998

Title SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFICIENTLY BLOCKING EVENT SIGNALS ASSOCIATED WITH AN OPERATING SYSTEM

Name of applicant(s) William B. Buzbee, James Mattson, and Lacy V. Shah

Copy of Application

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
( ) Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
( ) Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- ( ) Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

(X) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a (X) continuation ( ) divisional

of copending application number 09/030,500 filed on 2/25/1998

which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

- ( ) Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- ( ) Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record  
( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

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Other Amendments

- (X) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:  
( ) Cancel the following claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).  
(X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

- (X) The filing fee is calculated below for ( ) Utility ( ) Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	27 — 20	7	X \$18	\$ 126
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	10 — 3	7	X \$84	\$ 588
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$280	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design ( \$330.00 ); Utility ( \$750.00 )				\$ 0
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 714
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Respectfully submitted,



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